THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, with a view to make available infrastructural facilities to processing units, under its plan schemes, provides financial assistance @ 25% of project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore, for provision of common facilities in Food Parks such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing analytical laboratories, common processing facilities etc. The Ministry has approved financial assistance for three Food Parks in Karnataka. The Ministry does not set up Food Parks on its own. This Ministry does not set targets for food crops. The utilization of fruits and vegetables for processing is estimated to be around 2% of the total production.

Infertility clinics in the country

2478. SHRI VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether there are many infertility clinics in the country, as on today;

(b) if so, the details including the number of such clinics under Government and private sector as on today, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) if so, whether there is any legislation/guidelines for practice of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) O, as on today;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of steps taken or to be taken to set up an independent body through legislation for accreditation, regulation and supervision of infertility clinics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): An approximate estimate of the number of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) clinics State-wise is given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Government has approved the 'National Guidelines for Accreditation, Supervision and Regulation of ART Clinics in India', prepared by Indian Council of Medical Research in collaboration with National Academy of Medical Sciences. The Guidelines has further been circulated to all the State/UT Governments for taking action to regulate and supervise ART Clinics. As all the ART Clinics have the potential of

sex selection, all the State/UT Governments have been requested to register all the ART Clinics under Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act (PNDT Act).

(e) In view of the (c) above, does not arise.

(f) The Ministry has drafted a Bill and Rules to regulate the functioning of ART Clinics based on the National Guidelines. The draft Bill and Rules have been sent to all the States as well as the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for their comments.

Statements

Approximate No. of ART Clinics in India

Name of State	No. of ART Clinics
Assam	10
Bangalore	24
Bihar	7
Chhattisgarh	4
Chennai	23
Rest of Tamil Nadu	33
Delhi	32
Goa	6
Gujarat	43
Haryana	11
Hyderabad	28
Jharkhand	1
Kerala	9
Kolkata	13
Madhya Pradesh	14
Mumbai	54
Rest of Maharashtra	48
Orissa	2
Punjab	21
Rajasthan	14
Uttar Pradesh	18
Uttaranchal	2
Miscellaneous	6
Total No.	423